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PLA TO ENGAGE IN PRODUCTION

ORDERS NATION-WIDE INDUSTRIAL SURVEY -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 9 Apr 50

Peiping, 7 April (Hsin-hua) -- In March, the Finance and Economic Commission of the Administration Council ordered a uniform survey of industry and mining to be made by the various public enterprises, joint public and private enterprises, and industrial production cooperatives. It was indicated that the purpose of this nation-wide survey is to obtain a clear picture of basic conditions among the nation's industrial and mining enterprises, to assist recovery and expand industrial and mining production. This project is of the utmost importance and its successful completion can have a highly beneficial effect on the future realization of proposed economy plans.

Instructions were issued to the chiefs of the various ministries and subordinate administrative units under the Central Finance and Economics Commission; the finance and economics commission of each regional district; the people's governments on the various levels of province, municipality, special administrative district, hsien, and ch'u; and the leaders of each industrial production cooperative. These authorities are directed to designate special personnel to carry out the statistical survey and to render constructive assistance to persons making the survey.

Upon receipt of survey forms and explanatory matter, government chiefs on all levels and responsible officials in all industrial and mining enterprises and industrial production cooperatives shall call together the persons concerned and make a detailed study of these forms. When the forms are thoroughly understood, the responsible people are to be charged with filling them out according to the facts. When there are special problems, or items which cannot be filled out, they shall be referred to higher authority for clarification.

The ministries and subordinate administrative units under the Central Finance and Economics Commission, and the finance and economic commissions of the various regional districts shall assume the responsibility of directing

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the survey activities of the agencies under their jurisdiction and shall themselves compile the appropriate statistics when they are due. Agencies on all levels shall complete the items for which they are responsible at the proper time; time limits may not be extended without permission. The responsible persons connected with the industrial and mining units and industrial production cooperatives shall complete their reports between April and 1 August 1950, then submit them to higher authority as indicated. The ministries and subordinate administrative units under the Central Finance and Economics Commission and the finance and economics commissions of the regional districts shall take the reports of the various industrial and mining enterprises and cooperatives under their jurisdiction, compile statistical reports from them, according to the regulations, and send them to the Central Finance and Economics Commission, between July and 1 September 1950. The respective finance and economics commissions of the Southwest Administrative District and of Kwangsi and Sinkiang provinces shall determine the time by which reports from their areas should be completed.

All units indicated shall conduct this survey, whether the scope of their activities be large or small.

PLA STARTS PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION WORK -- Hong Kong Wei-hui Pao, 27 Feb 50

Urumchi, 26 February (Hsin-hua) -- The People's Liberation Army (PLA) in various localities of Sinkiang Province is participating in a wide-scale production and construction campaign.

The garrison troops in the Aksu area have completed their preparatory work and are ready to start the production campaign from 1 March. An unidentified unit in the Karashahr area has been collecting scrap iron to make farm equipment; in 2 weeks the unit completed almost half the equipment needed in the area. In the Kashgar area, some 8,030 acres in the vicinity of Kashgar, Yeh-erh-ch'iang (Yarkand), and Pa-ch'u (Maral Bashi) are being made productive by various military units. In the A-shan area, an independent corps is participating in gold mining. An unidentified unit completed a survey to increase the coal output from Ha-mai-kou Mine to supply the fuel needs of units in Karashahr and Korla.

Beginning in February, troops in Urumchi area started the repair and slate-pitching work on the Ho-p'ing Canal. The canal is 17 kilometers long and is capable of irrigating about 15,152 acres of agricultural land. The work on the canal was started in March 1947, but the work was never completed because the Kuomintang government squandered too much money. Some 11,200 tons of slate must be hauled 26 kilometers to pitch about 7,000 cubic meters of canal walls. During 3 - 10 February, approximately 5,800 soldiers worked day and night to pitch more than 2,000 cubic meters of the canal walls.

MILITARY UNITS PARTICIPATE IN ECONOMIC PLANS -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 23 Mar 50

Peiping, 21 March (Hsin-hua) -- The various military units in the Northwest, Southwest, and East China military districts have been showing keen interest in the economy and production plans of the central government for the military. In the Northwest the First Field Force has established reorganization, inventory, and austerity committees to carry out the program on various levels. Care is to be taken that there is no padding of rolls, and no new recruiting, but that there is budgeting and careful following of budgets, and no open store accounts to lead to overspending. Useful productive employment shall be secured for all members of soldiers' families and all soldiers shall engage in production and practice austerity with a goal of 3 market piculs produced or saved by each man during the year.

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In the Southwest, a meeting of military commanders was called on 7 March 1950 to discuss the implementation of the new plans. The first step was a careful check on present conditions. The reports indicated certain serious out-of-line conditions. It was revealed that the army had overbudgeted for about 20,000 more men than it needed. In East Szechwan, for instance, the estimates provided for 40,000 more men than they actually had. Two regiments that had been merged into one unit were still budgeting for two units. The District Headquarters has already sent out orders to the various army leaders to assume full responsibility for a thorough reorganization and elimination of all supernumerary personnel.

The rear areas service sections of the Third Field Force in East China have begun to implement the orders of the central government on reorganization and inventory check. A considerable amount of useful, but hitherto unregistered material was found. Also, it was discovered that a number of military leaders were still operating under bureaucratic standards, lacking in discipline and strict centralized control. A number of units had no proper records of their men, animals, transport, arms or ammunition. Some units had "small treasuries," the funds of which were not reported to higher echelons or were reported as less than the totals. Some organizations had surplus supplies which they did not turn in, preferring to let them deteriorate. Shells for tracer bullets and signal flares were below specifications and so were wasted. Many other flagrant and wasteful abuses were discovered. The party committee has called upon the rear service activities sections to meet the program of the central government, particularly the financial organs, and to rid themselves of all old bureaucratic practices.

ESTABLISHES NATIONAL DEPARTMENT STORE COMPANY -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 21 Apr 50

Peiping, 4 April (Hsin-hua) -- The China Department Store Company was formally established in Peiping on 1 April 1950. This was the outgrowth of a conference on the subject of a national state-controlled chain of department stores which was convened the latter part of February 1950 by the central Ministry of Trade. The conference sought a means to organize under one system the supply of daily necessities to the great rural population and to city dwellers, the operations of producer and consumer cooperative societies, the promotion of business between urban and rural areas, and the implementation of the principle of small profits and large volumes of sales. Together with the establishment of the company, the operating regulations for the system and the financial policy for 1950 were adopted.

Besides the 37 department store companies and their subsidiary branches already existing in the Northeast, East China, Central and South China, and the Southwest Districts, the new company will establish a regional company in the Northwest, and 38 provincial or municipal companies in Suiyuan, Chahar, Hopeh, Shansi, F'ing-yuan, Tientsin, Peiping, Shantung, northern Kiangsu, southern Kiangsu, northern Anhui, southern Anhui, Chekiang, Fukien, Shanghai, Nanking, Tsingtao, Hupeh, Hunan, Kiangsi, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Honan, Wuhan, northern Szechwan, eastern Szechwan, southern Szechwan, western Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Sikang, Chungking, Tsinghai, Ningsia, Kansu, Sinkiang, and Sian.

There are also to be 67 branch companies, 56 local companies, 84 sales shops, 4 wholesale distributing departments, and 48 retail shops.

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